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MARTLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *January* 30, 1755.

NEWBERN, in *North-Carolina*.

The SPEECH of his Excellency ARTHUR DOBBS, Eſq; Captain General, and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majeſty's Province of *North Carolina*, to the General Aſſembly, held at *Newbern*, the 12th Day of *December*, 1754.

Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

HIS Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed to honour and intruſt me with the Government of this Province, I have taken the earlieſt Opportunity of meeting with you in full Aſſembly, to conſult you upon what may tend to the Peace, Happineſs, Increaſe, and Improvement of this Province, and to conſider of proper Laws to ſecure the Rights, and improve the Trade of this Colony, and to unite the Affections of all the Members of the Society, that all may concur in promoting your general Wealth and Happineſs.

As the firſt, greateſt, and principal Foundation of all ſocial Happineſs is the Knowledge of true Religion, and the Practice of Morality and Virtue, to know, love, and adore the Divine Being as we ought, and to obey the Precepts he has revealed to us; ſo I think it my Duty, in the firſt Place, to recommend to you the providing a proper Fund, to ſupport a ſufficient Number of learned, pious Clergymen to reſide in the Province, and to accommodate them with Houſes, Glebes, and Pariſh Clerks, to enable them to inſtruct the Inhabitants and the riſing Generation in the Principles of true Religion and Virtue, in ſuch a prudent Manner, without Tithes, as to prevent Conteſts and preſerve an Harmony betwixt the Clergy and Laity, that their Intereſt may be the ſame; and that they may have Leiſure, as well as Inclination, to inſtruct their Flock in Chriſtian Principles.

Next to this in Duty to his Majeſty, who, like a beneficent Father, has given unto this Colony a permanent Property in their Lands, reſerving to himſelf a very ſmall Acknowledgment of Quit-Rents, who has protected it in its Infant State from all foreign Inſults, and has maintained and ſupported it in all its civil and religious Rights and Privileges, by a true Chriſtian Liberty of Conſcience, and, in the happieſt Conſtitution on the Globe; I muſt earneſtly recommend it to you, That, in Return for his Majeſty's paternal Care, you make an effectual Law for the ſpeedy and eaſy Collection of the Quit-Rents, which his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to apply to the Eaſe of this Colony, towards the Diſcharge of a great Arrear due to the Officers of this Eſtabliſhment, towards their annual Support, who are neceſſary to preſerve your Peace, and have Juſtice impartially diſtributed in this Province: This, in Juſtice to yourſelves as well as in Gratitude to the beſt of Princes, who is not only the Father of his People but the Benefactor of Mankind, I am convinced you will readily agree to.

After this I muſt recommend to your Conſideration the making effectual Laws to ſecure your Peace and Properties, and to obtain your Rights, and to have Juſtice diſtributed in the ſpeedieſt and eaſieſt Manner, without dilatory Law Proceedings, and alſo Laws to promote Trade and Induſtry, in order to ſupport your Credit at Home and Abroad, by making effectual Laws to recover juſt Debts without Chicanery or tedious Delays, and all ſmall Debts in a ſummary Way, which will promote OEconomy and Induſtry, and prevent Indolence and Sloth.

Since a Paper Currency has been found beneficial hitherto from the Want of Bullion or Coin, I muſt recommend to you keeping up your Paper Credit, by making your Paper Bills a permanent Fund of Credit, upon Land Security, by a Loan Office, and to provide a ſufficient Fund to pay off and cancel the Bills of Credit already iſſued, in a ſhort Time, a Plan of which ſhall be communicated to you: This, with a general Inſpection Law, employing Inſpectors in all your Sea Ports, to view and ſupport the Credit of your Exports; and, a proper OEconomy with Induſtry, muſt neceſſarily occaſion a Ballance in your Favour, and conſequently a Return in Gold or Silver, and will demonſtrate, That Honeſty, in Trade, as well as in all other Dealings, is the beſt Policy.

The extending our Trade into the Continent, and our Colonies into the fine Countries beyond the Mountains, being of the utmoſt Conſequence to this and all our Colonies, I muſt earneſtly recommend it to you, to lay our *Indian* Traders under proper Regulations, and to promote an Intimacy and Friendſhip, and living in Harmony with our *Indian* Neighbours and Allies, that we may be enabled to civilize and make them induſtrious, and to incorporate with them, by carrying on an equitable Trade with them, and treating them with Chriſtian Benevolence; this at leaſt we owe to them upon Account of our poſſeſſing their happy Climate and Country, and we ſhall not only profit by their Trade but make them our ſteady Friends, and by extending our Alliances to diſtant Nations we may enlarge our Trade over the whole Northern Continent, and form an impregnable Barrier againſt our ever active Enemies the *French*; who, in Time of profound Peace, have not only headed their *Indian* Allies, and have prevailed with them to make Depredations, maſſacre in cold Blood, and ſcalp ſeveral of the Inhabitants of this and our other Colonies, but have entered with an armed Force, and erected Forts, in the Countries belonging to his Majeſty, as well as of our *Indian* Allies; and therefore I am commanded, by his Majeſty, to recommend it to you in the ſtrongeſt Manner to provide a Supply to aſſiſt the Colony of *Virginia*, whoſe Country is invaded, and his Majeſty's Troops ſlaughtered, for endeavouring to repel thoſe Invaders. The Fire which has caught your Neighbour's Houſe has lately ſpread into your own. Your Religion, Liberty and Property, are all at Stake, if they be not repelled and drove back to their inhoſpitable Colonies; but as this Subject is of the utmoſt Importance, and it will be tedious to explain the *French* Plan, calculated for the Ruin of *Britain* and of theſe Colonies at this Time, as ſoon as you fall upon Buſineſs I ſhall lay it before you in a more ample Manner, that you may ſee the Neceſſity of a ſpeedy and effectual Supply.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

I am inſtructed, and have it in Command from his Majeſty, to look out and fix upon a convenient and healthy Situation for the Seat of Government and Courts of Juſtice, which may beſt anſwer the whole Province, and to lay it before his Majeſty for his Approbation; when that is fixed, your own Prudence and Wiſdom will ſuggeſt to you, whether you ſhould not have a Fund provided to erect public Buildings for the reſiding of the Governor, and for the public Offices and Courts of Juſtice; ſince the Credit and Increaſe of the Trade of the Province depends, in a great Meaſure, upon the Healthfulneſs and Increaſe of the Capital, and having all their public Offices together.

I am alſo commanded by his Majeſty, earneſtly to recommend to you, the raiſing a Fund, without Limitation of Time, to ſupport the Dignity of the preſent, and all other future Governors, and to anſwer the Contingencies and Emergencies of Government, the Payment of the Officers and Clerks of the Council and Aſſembly, for the repairing of Fortifications, Store-Houſes, and Magazines, when erected; which Eſtabliſhment will be always neceſſary for your Security and Defence. His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed to give you one Thouſand Firelocks and Accoutrements for this Province, and I have a well grounded Expectation that proper Artillery, with Military Stores, will be granted for the ſeveral Forts when erected, and an Independent Company, provided that a Powder Duty be again graated to ſupply the Magazines in the Province.

It is with great Concern that I obſerve, that from the late Diviſions in the Province, the proper Duties, lain on, for the Support of the Eſtabliſhment, and for ſinking the Paper Currency, have not been properly levied, from the diſputing the Legality of the Aſſembly in paſſing and continuing the Duties, by which Means the Charges of Government have not been paid, and the public Debt increaſed; as this Bone of Contention is happily laid aſide by his Majeſty's having minutely entered into an Examination of the Conſtitution and Laws of this Province, by repealing ſeveral Laws; it will be neceſſary for you, to have the preſent Laws reviſed, and where Laws have been repealed upon Account of ſome improper Clauſe, to re-enact them with unqueſtionable Clauſes, and to have the whole Laws aſcertained, which may be beſt done, by appointing Committees to ſit upon them, during the Receſs betwixt this and the next Seſſion, to have them ready to be offered at the next Aſſembly.

Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Since his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to intruſt me with the Care and Improvement of this Province, as it is my Duty, ſo it ſhall be my conſtant Care, to promote true Religion and Virtue, and the Wealth, Peace and Happineſs of the Colony, and to increaſe and improve its Trade: As an Union of Affections and acting together for the general Good of the Province, is not only a prudent and right Meaſure, but abſolutely neceſſary to be purſued to improve the Colony in Wealth and Trade, it is my determined Reſolution to encourage and countenance only thoſe who ſhall heartily concur in ſo good a Purpoſe, which muſt improve the Markets, ſupport the Credit, eſtabliſh Juſtice, and give Strength and Weight to the Colony, and induce Merchants, Artiſans, and other Gentlemen of Learning, Merit, and Probity, to purchaſe and reſide in the Province.

GIBRALTAR, September 10.

FOUR Portugueze Men of War are cruizing in the Streights, in order to intercept ſome Algerine Corſairs at their Return from the Ocean into the Mediterranean.

Meſſina, (*in* Italy,) *Sept.* 18. A Life ſpent in Chains is a Calamity which nothing but the Hope of being one Day able to break them can make a Man bear; and unleſs one has a tyrannical or ſlaviſh Way of Thinking, the Effort of an unfortunate Captive to regain his Liberty cannot fail of being applauded: And accordingly we cannot help commending what has been lately done here by a Handful of Turks taken by our Xebecks. The 8th ult. they were all employed in cleanſing the Port; and about two in the Afternoon, which is the Hour allowed them to reſt from the Labour of the Morning, they perceived that the Guards inſtead of watching them, were all ſlumbering: Upon which, at a Signal given, they all roſe up, took five Sabres and ſix Muſkets from the Guard, and ran with incredible Swiftneſs to a Felucca which lay within two hundred yards from their Poſt, ready to hoiſt Sail, and victualled for 14 Hands, though only for three Days; and in this Veſſel they found four Sabres and as many Muſkets. The Slaves immediately cut the Cable, and hoiſted Sail, and ſlipt away through the Streights towards the Adriatic, to the Number of forty one, tho' they were ſixty two in all; but thoſe who firſt entered the Felucca put off in ſuch Haſte, that they left Twenty one of their Comrades behind. The Fugitives did not mind the Cannon Shot fired at them from the Caſtle of St. Salvatore and the Lanthorn: Six Feluccas, and a Bark, which mounted four Guns and fifteen Paterareos, with ſixty or eighty Grenadiers, immediately put to Sea in Purſuit of them, and one of theſe Veſſels overtook them in about half an Hour. The Turks fought like Lions: They were boarded, and ſtood the Fire of the Small Arms; but then they fell ſo furiouſly upon the Aſſailants, Sabre in Hand, that they ſoon cleared the Deck, after which, ſtill crowding all the Sail they could, they eſcaped from

from the Bark and the Felucca, which returned into Port the next Day at ten in the Morning. It is said that three of them have been killed in the Fight: They killed one of our Men, and wounded several.

Leghorn. The Master of a Tartan arrived here from Tripoli, reports, that the Turkish Slaves before mentioned, have had the good Fortune to reach the Coast of Africa with the Felucca in which they made their Escape from Messina.

Copenhagen, Sept. 21. The Master of a Ship lately arrived from Davis's Streights reports, that last Winter was so excessively severe in Greenland, that great Numbers of Persons were frozen to Death.

LONDON.

October 5. Saturday last a melancholy Accident happened to the Lord Drumlandrig, eldest Son to the Duke of Queensbury, on his Journey from Scotland to Town: Being tired with riding in his Post-Chaise, he quitted it and mounted his Horse, and riding over a plow'd Field in which was a great Number of Crows together, he drew out one of his Pistols from the Holster and cock'd it, with Intent to fire amongst them; but at that Instant his Horse made a Stumble, and his Lordship endeavouring to recover him, discharg'd the Pistol and shot himself dead on the Spot, to the inexpressible Grief of that noble Family. His Lordship had the Command of a Regiment in the Dutch Service, and was very lately married to a Daughter of the Earl of Hoptoun.

October 22. In a Letter from the Camp at the Great Meadows in Virginia, dated May the 26th, written by an Officer of Distinction, we have the following Particulars: "I have had the Pleasure of a Jaunt down Monongahela within a small Distance of the French. The Country is inviting, famous for Water, Timber and Soil. I have obtained a particular Description of the River Ohio, and the Rivers falling into it, with all the adjacent Lands for the Space of 500 Miles. In my Opinion, to possess it would be a greater Acquisition to France than the Conquest of all Flanders. I could demonstrate it, but the Reasons are too prolix to be inserted in a Letter. It would enable that Kingdom to establish and support a naval Strength equal to any in the Universe; and consequently carry the Point they have been aiming at for a Century past. Nature seems to have furnished this Country in the most lavish Manner with all the Conveniencies and Comforts of Life. I have seen a deal of Limestone, Coal, and rich Iron Ore, all convenient for Water Carriage.

PHILADELPHIA, *January* 7.

Extract of a Letter from Easton, in Northampton County, dated December 21, 1754.

"*At a Court of Quarter Sessions held here this Week, James Egelson, and his Son John Egelson, were indicted, tried and convicted; the Father of Horse Stealing, and the Son of aiding and abetting therein; and Yesterday they were both publicly whipt, the Father with* 21, *and the Son with* 19 *Lashes. As it seldom happens that Parents draw in their Children to be Accomplices with them in their Wickedness, the Novelty of the Occasion drew great Numbers of People from the neighbouring Province, and Plantations, to be Spectators of the Punishment. Many of them were affected with Pity towards the Son, and some shew'd a good deal of Concern for the present Circumstances of the Father.*"

January 14.

In Assembly, the third Day of the First Month *called* January, 1755, *P. M.*

The Letter from Sir Thomas Robinson, *to the Governor, of the 26th of* October *last, being again read; it was observed by the House, that the following Points were therein particularly recommended to the Governor's Care,* viz.

That he should carefully provide a sufficient Quantity of fresh Victuals, at the Expence of this Government, to be ready for the Use of his Majesty's Troops, at their Arrival; that he should likewise furnish the Officers, who may have Occasion to go from Place to Place, with all Necessaries for travelling by Land, in case there are no Means of going by Sea; and that he should use his utmost Diligence and Authority, in procuring an exact Observance of such Orders, as shall be issued, from Time to Time, by the Commander in Chief, for quartering the Troops, impressing Carriages, and providing all Necessaries for such Forces, as shall arrive, or be raised, within his Government.

That with regard to such other Articles, which are of a more general Concern, it is the King's Pleasure, that he will use his utmost Endeavours to induce the Assembly of this Province, to raise, forthwith, as large a Sum as can be afforded, as their Contribution to a common Fund, to be employed provisionally, for the general Service of North America.

Whereupon it was consider'd, That this House, in Obedience to the Royal Orders signified by the Earl of Holdernesse's *Letter of the 28th of* August, 1753, *and by Sir* Thomas Robinson's *several Letters of the 5th of* July, *and 26th of* October *last, had presented to the Governor a Bill for granting* Twenty Thousand Pounds *to the King's Use, to which he was pleased to refuse his Assent; influenced thereto, as this House unanimously presume, principally, if not solely, by Instructions from the Proprietaries. And altho' the House are thereby hinder'd from making Provision for all the Purposes of the said Royal Orders, in the Manner they could desire; (the Treasury being now quite exhausted by* Indian *and other heavy Expences, and large Sums paid out of the Loan-Office, for Orders actually and usually drawn upon the Treasury, insomuch that there is scarcely a Ballance of* Five Hundred Pounds *now remaining in the Trustees Hands) yet, nevertheless, they are desirous to comply with the Expectations of the Crown, as far as, their present Circumstances considered, they are able. It is therefore,*

Resolved, N. C. D. *That* Isaac Norris, *Esq; Speaker, and* Evan Morgan, Joseph Fox, James Pemberton, James Wright, Joseph Armstrong, *and* John Smith, *Gentlemen, Members of this House, be, and they are hereby nominated and impowered, to take up and borrow, on the Credit of this House, any Sum not exceeding* Five Thousand Pounds, *lawful Money of this Province; to be by them laid out for purchasing fresh Victuals, and such other Necessaries, as they, or a Majority of them, shall think expedient, for the Use of the King's Troops at their Arrival: For all which Money borrowed as aforesaid, they, the above named Gentlemen, or any four of them, shall give a Certificate or Certificates, as the Case may require, under their Hands, to the Person or Persons lending the same, certifying that such Money was taken up and borrowed for the King's Use, in the Manner, and for the Purposes, directed by this Resolve. And this House will repay, or take effectual Care to secure the Repayment of, all and every Sum or Sums of Money, so as aforesaid borrowed, with Interest if necessary.*

A true Copy from the Minutes,

WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Clerk of Assembly.*

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read, and is as follows, viz.

A MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR to the ASSEMBLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I AM very much surprised at your Proposal to adjourn till May, *as you have made no Provision for the Defence of the Province, or granted the Supplies expected by the Crown, and recommended by the Secretary of State's Letters: I must therefore object to the proposed Adjournment, while Things remain in this Situation, and hope you will, in Consideration of the Danger to which your Country stands exposed, continue sitting till you have granted the Supplies to the Crown, and effectually provided for the Defence of the People you represent; but if you are determin'd to rise at this Time, without doing any Thing, remember it is your own Act, and all the fatal Consequences that may attend your leaving the Province in this defenceless State, must lie at your Doors.*

January 10, 1755. ROBERT HUNTER MORRIS.

The House taking the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved, N. C. D. *That the Governor has been respectfully and repeatedly solicited by this House to pass a Bill presented to him, for granting* Twenty Thousand Pounds *for the King's Use, which, in our Opinion, would have answer'd the Expectations of the Crown from this Province, as signified by the Secretary of State's Letters, had the Governor been pleased to have given it his Assent; therefore, whatever ill Consequences ensue, from Supplies not having been granted at this critical Juncture, must lie at his Door.*

Resolved, *That this House will adhere to their proposed Time of Adjournment.*

Then the House accordingly adjourned to the Twelfth *Day of the* Fifth Month, *called* May, *next.*

A true Copy from the Minutes,

WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Clerk of Assembly.*

On Wednesday last several Chiefs of the Mohawk Indians, and some of their Warriors, arriv'd here; but upon what Business we have not heard.

And Yesterday Ten of the Cherokee Indians came to Town, who, we hear, were taken Prisoners by some French Indians about two Years ago, and carried to Canada; from whence they lately made their Escape, and got to Albany, and from thence travell'd to this Place, in their Way to South-Carolina.

ANNAPOLIS.

We have had remarkable warm Weather all this Month; many Days having been more like June *than* January.

Next Thursday there will be a Meeting of the Corporation, to revise some of our Bye-Laws.

Baltimore County, *January* 25, 1755.

BROKE out of the County Goal, last Night, at *Joppa, John Tucker*, a Ship-Carpenter, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has lost some of his fore Teeth, he bends forward when walking, and is about 45 Years of Age.

Whoever apprehends the said *Tucker*, and brings him to my Goal, shall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, if taken in the County; if taken out of the County, FIVE PISTOLES Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by

William Young, Sheriff.

By Directions of a late ACT,

THIS is to give Notice, That there is taken up, by *Thomas Morgan*, and *John Stallings*, junr. on the *Cliffs*, in *Calvert* County, near *Parker's* Creek, a small Shallop, about 22 Feet in Length, from Stem to Stern, 8 Feet Beam, square Stern, bluff Bow, new Oak Bumpkin, has no Deck, there is about 8 Fathom of Cable, an old Mainsail and Jibb, and 4 Oars: Had also in her 4 old Tubs, one small Bag with some Salt in it, one small Rundlet, two Quart Bottles, and two old Baskets.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Mark

January 29, 1755.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living at *West River*, on the 26th of this Instant, an Indented Servant Man, named *Thomas Musprate*, born in *Bristol*, a Sadler by Trade, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, of a black Complexion, has short black Hair, and about 30 Years of Age. He had on a Cotton Jacket and Trowsers, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a blue Pea Jacket, and an old Felt Hat.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him in any Goal, so that he may be had again, shall have, if taken in the County, One Pistole, besides what the Law allows, and if taken out of the County, Two Pistoles, besides what the Law allows.

Mr. J. Galloway. *Stephen Steward.*

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mrs. *Jobbs*, near *Pig-Point*, a Sorrel Mare, branded on the near Buttock with CB join'd together, about 12 Hands and a Half high, has a Wall-Eye, 4 white Feet, and a bald Face.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

FINE SALT, just imported from *Liverpool*, in the Ship *Unity*, Captain *Birch*, to be Sold cheap for Paper Money or Bills of Exchange, at *Oxford*, by Wholesale.

Henry Callister.

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